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Five DUI Checkpoints set for This Weekend

Dover – The following checkpoints are scheduled to take place during the weekend of August 24th:

Friday August 24th - Wilmington (NcCo Co. DUI Task Force)
Laurel (Joint Kent/Sussex DUI Task Force and DSP Troop 5 checkpoint)
Fenwick area (Joint DSP Troop 4 and Troop 7 checkpoint)
Dover (Dover Police)

Saturday August 25th - Felton (Kent/Sussex Co. DUI Task Force)

In addition, 27 State, County and Municipal police agencies will be conducting DUI Saturation Patrols through the Labor Day weekend. The sobriety checkpoints are being conducted in cooperation with the National DUI Crackdown on Impaired Driving and the Mid-Atlantic Region's Checkpoint Strikeforce campaign. Now in its sixth year, "Checkpoint Strikeforce" is a multi-state crackdown on impaired drivers coordinated locally by the Delaware Office of Highway Safety. Participating law enforcement agencies are conducting weekly DUI checkpoints between the 4th of July and New Year's Eve, and monthly checkpoints in the spring, all with the goal of deterring impaired drivers and arresting DUI offenders.

"Checkpoint Strikeforce" is also one of the three major safety initiatives under the "120 Days of Summer HEAT" campaign targeting violators of Delaware's traffic laws. Traffic deaths kill and injure Delawareans nearly twice as often as violent crimes.

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